Money spent on Purchase of Railway Equipments

2520. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the money spent during 1993-94 and 1994-95 to purchase railway spare parts, coaches, locomotives and other related matters through imports; and

(b) the volume of orders placed to the Public Sector Manufacturing Units of the country during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) The money spent during 1993-94 and 1994-95 to pruchase Railway Spare parts, coaches, locomotives and other related matters through imports was of the order of Rs. 399 crores and Rs. 312 crores, respectively.

(b) Value of orders placed on Public Sector Manufacturing Units in 1993-94 and 1994-95 was Rs. 1192 crores and Rs. 1672 crores, respectively.

Representation of Manipur in Guwahati High Court

2521. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State of Manipur was usually represented by 2 or 3 judges from amongst its higher judicial service out of 13/14 judges of the Guwahati High Court in the past;

(b) if so, the reasons for which no judge from Manipur has so far been appointed for the last about three years;

(c) whether Government propose to appoint 2 or 3 Judges from Manipur in the Guwahati High Court; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to establish a separate High Court for the State of Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The approved strength of the Gauhati High Court is 17 permanent Judges and 2 Additional Judges. Of these, two posts of permanent Judges fall to the Manipur quota. Two Judges from Manipur retired on 1.2.1992 and 2.2.1994. At present there is no representation of the State Manipur. The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for appointment of Judges in the Gauhati High Court from different States, including Manipur, is on.

(d) It has been agreed, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for all the nort-eastern States, including Manipur, Meanwhile a permanent bench of the Gauhati High Court has been established at Imphal in Manipur on 21.1.1992.

Supersession in cadre restructuring in Moradabad Division

2522. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from some SC/ST Booking/Parcel Supervisors regarding supersession under cadre restructuring in Moradabad Division of Northern Railway in violation of the laid down procedure of Railway Board.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the supersession of these SC/ST Railway employees is likely to be revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Shri Tara Singh, Parcel Supervisor of Bareilly Junction has represented for promotion as Chief Booking Supervisor with effect from 1.3.1993 under the scheme of cadre restructuring. The matter is sub-judice.